

Remarks

Preliminary Matters

No Claims have been added. Therefore, no additional fees are required. If determined otherwise, the Office is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 07-1077 for the amount.

Specification Objection

The spelling of flame-retardant has been amended at Page 2, Line 26.

Claim Objections

Claim 8 is cancelled.

Claim 19 is amended with clarification support from Page 14, line 1 et seq. to recite a two layer laminate with the adhesive attached to the bottom layer. The difficulty with the prepositions proposed by the Office was that the claim was intended to recite the layer of adhesive being attached to the reinforcing backing (Claim 19) as differentiated from the adhesive being attached to the film of Claim 1 (Claim 18).

§ 103 Rejections

The rejections are rendered moot by the amendment of the independent claims to include the subject matter of allowable Claim 4, now cancelled. Also, part of the subject matter of Claim 14 was deleted because of its insertion into Claim 11.

Conclusion

Without prejudice to the possibility of continuing applications, Applicants request a Notice of Allowance.

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